# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# DEFENCE
# LOK SABHA

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DEFENCE TRADE AND STRATEGIC AGREEMENT WITH USA
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether India has entered into a defence agreement with USA;

(b) if so, whether the present treaty with USA is likely to affect the defence agreement with Russia; and

(c) if so, the strategy chalked out by the Government to keep balance of defence trade and cooperation and strategic agreement intact with both the countries?

## Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) A document entitled 'New Framework for the US-India Defence Relationship' was signed with the United States of America (USA) on June 28, 2005.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) India intends to strengthen its defence relations and cooperation with both Russia, a time-tested partner, and the US, with whom prospects of such cooperation are growing, through the development of relations with both countries in the areas of military-to-military cooperation and defence technology, for mutual benefit. Relations with one will not be at the expense of the other.